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The Development of Normative Data and Comparison Standards for the Cognition Measures Employed in the CLSA

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Change in cognitive functioning is characteristic of normal aging and is evident beginning in mid-life. However, changes in cognition also may be associated with underlying pathology such as Alzheimer Disease.

The research team, led by Dr. Holly Tuokko and funded by the Alzheimer Society of Canada and the Pacific Alzheimer Research Foundation, is examining detailed information about the cognitive performance of English and French-speaking participants in the Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA). The researchers are characterizing typical performances of neurologically healthy people on the cognitive measures employed in the CLSA for use as standards when identifying cognitive impairment. They are also developing various easily-accessed, plain language tools (e.g., derived variables, online tools for generating cognitive classification) for use by clinicians and researchers regarding cognitive functioning as measured in the CLSA.

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